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Reedley Little League Majors Division will strictly adhere to the rules in the Little League Rulebook app with the exception of the following local options:

### **Rule 4.04**

The batting order shall be followed throughout the game unless a player is substituted for another. Substitutes must take the place of the replaced player's position in the batting order except as covered by Rule 3.03. A league may adopt a policy of a continuous batting order that will include all players on the team roster present for the game batting in order. If this option is adopted, each player would be required to bat in his/her respective spot in the batting order. However, a player may be entered and/or re-entered defensively in the game anytime provided he/she meets the requirements of mandatory play.

**RLL Majors managers can elect to use CBO or not. If they do not all minimum participation rules must be followed. This allows our regular season to follow tournament format. : A team using CBO may permit a "courtesy runner" for the catcher and/or pitcher of record when there are two (2) outs. The courtesy runner must be the player in the batting order who made the last out.**

### **Rule 4.10(c)(2)**

If a game is called, it is a regulation game:

(2) Local League Option: If the game has been played for 1 hour, 45 minutes. Any inning which has been started prior to the time limit expiring will be completed. No new inning will begin once the time limit has expired.

**The first scheduled majors game of the day will have no new inning after 1 hour, 45 minutes. If it is the second, or only game being played that day, no new inning after 2 hours.**

### **Rule 4.10(e)**

If after (3) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: four innings], two and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: three and one-half innings] if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of fifteen (15) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after four (4) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: five innings], three and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: four and one-half innings], if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of ten (10) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent. If after five (5) innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: six innings], four and one-half innings [Intermediate (50-70) Division / Junior / Senior League: five and one-half innings], if the home team is ahead, one team has a lead of eight (8) runs or more, the manager of the team with the least runs shall concede the victory to the opponent.

NOTE: (1) If the visiting team has a lead of fifteen (15), ten (10), or eight (8) runs or more respectively, the home team must bat in its half of the inning. (2) The local league may adopt the option of not utilizing this rule. A game determined by the 15-run rule, 10-run rule, or 8-run rule shall be considered a regulation game.

**RLL will follow the 15,10,& 8 run rule for all majors games.**

#### **Rule 4.16(a)**

If a game cannot be played because of the inability of either team to:

(a) - place nine players on the field before the game begins (Local League Option: A game may not be started with less than eight (8) players on each team.); and/or,

(b) - place at least one adult in the dugout as manager or acting manager.

This shall not be grounds for automatic forfeiture, but shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision. NOTE:

A game may not be started with less than nine (9) players on each team, nor without at least one adult manager or substitute manager. Local League Option: A game may not be started with less than eight (8) players on each team.

**RLL will allow majors games to start with less than 9, but NO LESS than 8 players**

#### **Rule 4.17**

If during a game either team is unable to place nine (9) players on the field due to injury or ejection, the opposing manager shall select a player to re-enter the line-up. A player ejected from the game is not eligible for re-entry. If no players are available for re-entry, or if a team refuses to place nine (9) players on the field, this shall not be grounds for automatic forfeiture but shall be referred to the Board of Directors for a decision. NOTE: A game may not be continued with less than nine (9) players on each team. Local League Option: A game may not be continued with less than eight (8) players on each team.

**RLL will not allow a game to continue with less than 8 players. The game must be suspended and referred to the board if either team drops to 7 or fewer players.**

#### **Rule 6.02(c)**

C) - Local League Option: After entering the batter's box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.

**Enforcing this rule in the spring significantly speeds up the pace of play. It's relatively rare for strikes to be called on batters, and it's a very easy thing for coaches to teach.**

**This is a rule that is in play in tournaments.**